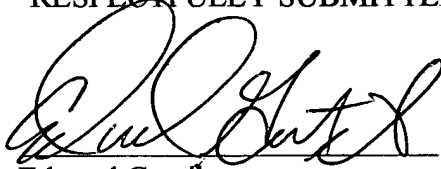


REMARKS:

Per Examiner's comments, Claim 18 has been amended to no longer refer to Claim 14. In addition, the final element listed in Claim 18 is now "applying a pulling force in a direction away from the vehicle to remove the protective cover from the vehicle."

Allowance of the present application is therefore respectfully requested. Should the Examiner consider necessary any additional formal changes anywhere in the application, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
Edward Gentile

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

2/13/05